[CHAPTER 374]

## AN ACT

June 15, 1940 [H. R. 6044]

To regulate the number of warrant and commissioned warrant officers in the Marine Corps.

Marine Corps. Number of warrant, etc., officers. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the number of warrant and commissioned warrant officers in the Marine Corps and their distribution in the warrant and commissioned warrant grades shall be as the President may from time to time deem necessary.

Approved, June 15, 1940.

[CHAPTER 375]

## AN ACT

June 15, 1940 [H. R. 9848] [Public, No. 635]

To authorize the construction or acquisition of naval aircraft, the construction of certain public works, and for other purposes.

Navy. Acquisition, etc., of naval aircraft. Ante, p. 394; post, p. 780.

Maximum number.

Training facilities.

Provise.
Responsibility of Secretary.

Establishment, etc., of naval aviation facilities.

Designated projects.

Provisos. Variation in cost; limitation.

Additional to prior authorizations.

Report to Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to acquire or construct naval airplanes and nonrigid lighter-than-air craft, and spare parts and equipment, as may be necessary to provide and maintain the number of useful naval airplanes at a total of not more than ten thousand, including eight hundred fifty airplanes for the Naval Reserve, and the number of useful nonrigid lighter-than-air craft at a total of not more than forty-eight. He is also authorized to provide such training facilities as may, in his judgment, be necessary for sixteen thousand naval aviators and enlisted pilots: Provided, That nothing herein shall be construed to limit or affect the responsibility of the Secretary of the Navy as defined in the Act of July 12, 1921 (42 Stat. 141; U. S. C., title 34, sec. 732).

Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to establish, develop, or increase naval aviation facilities, with which shall be included the authority to purchase, accept by gift, or otherwise acquire land and to construct buildings and accessories, with approximate costs as indicated, at or in the vicinity of Norfolk, Virginia, \$13,246,000; San Juan, Puerto Rico, \$2,330,000; Coco Solo, Canal Zone, \$12,690,000; Seattle, Washington, \$4,670,000; Kodiak, Alaska, \$2,012,000; Hawaiian Islands, \$6,385,000; Midway Island, \$1,870,000; Wake Island, \$5,582,000; Johnston Island, \$460,000; Quonset Point, Rhode Island, \$24,204,000; Quantico, Virginia, \$2,326,000; Guantanamo, Cuba, \$2,886,000; Charlotte Amalie, Virgin Islands, \$1,510,000; San Diego, California, \$5,637,000; Alameda, California, \$6,861,000; Unalaska, Alaska, \$2,963,000; Canton Island, \$1,500,000; Tongue Point, Oregon, \$2,000,000; Corpus Christi, Texas, \$25,000,000; at such localities within the continental limits of the United States as may, in his judgment, be necessary for the Naval Reserve, which authority shall also include the acquisition of existing facilities, \$10,000,000; and in such vicinities as he may, in his discretion, deem advisable for other auxiliary air bases, \$10,000,000: Provided, That the approximate cost indicated for each project enumerated above may, in the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy, be varied upward or downward by an amount not to exceed 25 per centum of the approximate cost indicated, but the total cost shall not exceed \$144,132,000: Provided further, That this shall be in addition to all authorizations heretofore made for projects in these vicinities: And provided further, That the Secretary of the Navy shall report to the Congress, at the beginning of each regular session, the extent to which he has exercised the